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MEMO. FROM THE

DIRECTOR (AND GOVERNMENT BOTANIST)

TO

Mr. W. McLennan,
Coen,
NORTH QUEENSLAND.

23rd August, 1922.

Dear Sir,

I have submitted the bottle of resin you gave me on your recent visit to Sydney, and following is the report of the Curator of the Technological Museum on the substance:-

"The Economic Chemist has made a preliminary examination of the sample of resin forwarded, and, contrary to expectations, has found it not to be an oleo-resin, but apparently a resin in an intermediate stage of oxidation. Should it be readily obtainable, a larger sample would enable him to make a more extended investigation.

So far it does not seem possible to suggest an economic value for it on account of its 'tacky' nature. This mitigates against its use as a varnish resin, as well as of utilising it for a chewing gum, although on treatment it strings well".

I hope that you will be able to get additional material and also a twig of the tree.

Yours faithfully,

[signature]